

THE STATEMENT OF JACK STONE
CAL-FED PUBLIC HEARING
VISALIA CONVENTION CENTER, VISALIA
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MY NAME IS JACK STONE - I'M A LOCAL FARMER. FROM THE BEGINNING I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE VALLEY IRRIGATION SYSTEM. MEETING WITH SUCH STATE BUILDERS AS GOV. PAT BROWN, RUSSELL GIFFEN, JACK O'NIELL, OUR CONGRESSMAN BERNIE SISK AND OTHER NOTED VALLEY LEADERS, INCLUDING MY FATHER.

THESE FOUNDERS WITH THEIR GREAT FORESIGHT AND DREAMS WOULD BE DEVASTATED TO SEE THIS UNBALANCED AND RUINOUS PLAN PUT FORTH BY OUR PRESENT LEADERSHIP.

NOW I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A FEW QUICK STATEMENTS OF FACTS THAT WILL EFFECT ALMOST EVERY PERSON IN THIS STATE NEGATIVELY.

1. THERE ARE MANY GOOD ENVIRONMENTALISTS, I'VE ALWAYS TRIED TO BE ONE, HOWEVER, THERE ARE SOME THAT ARE SELFISH, DISHONEST AND VERY DETRIMENTAL TO PROPER PROGRESS. I BELIEVE THEY HAVE HAD AN UNEQUAL EFFECT ON THIS REPORT.
2. WITH AN ESTIMATED 20 MILLION MORE PEOPLE MOVING INTO CALIFORNIA IN THE NEAR FUTURE THIS PLAN WITH NO ADDITIONAL WATER STORAGE IS DUMB.
3. I BELIEVE ALL WATER USERS AND TAX PAYERS ARE BEING ROOKED, MISLED, AND DAMAGED BY THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT AND POOR LEADERSHIP.
4. ALREADY MOST PEOPLE IN OUR CITIES MAY WATER THEIR LAWNS AND FLOWERS ONLY THREE DESIGNATED DAYS PER WEEK. SOON IT

MAY BE ONLY ONE DAY PER WEEK AND THEN ON TO HARSH RATIONING.

SHOULD WE BE RATIONED WHEN AN AVERAGE OF 30 MILLION ACRE FEET OF OUR WATER FLOWS TO THE OCEAN EACH YEAR?

5. YOU ARE NOW BEING ADVISED NOT TO RUN YOUR AIR CONDITIONER ON HOT DAYS FOR FEAR OF A POWER SHUT DOWN.

OUR HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER IS ALSO ON THE EDGE AND, NO IMPROVEMENT IS PLANNED.

6. THE CENTRAL VALLEY IMPROVEMENT ACT PUSHED BY GEORGE MILLER AND ENVIRONMENTALIST, IS TAKING 800,000 ACRE FEET OF OUR WATER EACH YEAR. THAT IS ENOUGH WATER TO FARM 500 SQUARE MILES OF LAND; AND THE LOSS OF THAT WATER IS COSTING YOU TAX PAYERS ABOUT 44 MILLION DOLLARS EACH YEAR.

7. FOR THE WATER WE GET EACH YEAR WE MUST PAY AN ADDITIONAL \$6.88 PER ACRE FOOT, TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT. THIS EQUALS ABOUT 6 MILLION MORE DOLLARS OUT OF OUR LOCAL ECONOMY, AND WE HAVE VERY POOR ACCOUNTING OF WHERE THIS MONEY OR WATER GOES.

8. THIS YEAR YOUR LEADERSHIP STOPPED THE PUMPING TO SAVE SOME DELTA SMELT. THIS ACTION LOST THE FARMERS AND YOU TAX PAYERS ABOUT ^{500,000}~~507,000~~ ACRE FEET OF WATER, WORTH TO YOU OVER ~~\$2,750,000~~. ^{\$27,000,000}

9. TO CORRECT THE DRAINAGE PROBLEM OUR LEADERSHIP IS BUYING UP THE DAMAGED LAND AND GLADLY LETTING IT GO BACK TO

THE COYOTES.

WE HAVE FINE ENGINEERS AND SCIENTISTS IN THIS COUNTRY
THAT COULD SAVE THAT VALUABLE LAND, BY PROPER DRAINAGE.

10. WE HAVE NOT BUILT A WATER STORAGE FACILITY OR POWER PLANT
IN CALIFORNIA IN OVER 25 YEARS.

11. I AM ASHAMED OF OUR STATE LEADERS, THE CAL-FED REPORT,
THEIR SHORT SIGHTEDNESS, AND I THINK OUR PEOPLE SHOULD
BE OUTRAGED!

WHY CAN'T THE PEOPLE OF CALIFORNIA, ALL WATER USERS, SEE
THIS SHAM?

THANK YOU!!!

P.S. THIS STATEMENT DOCUMENTS THAT YOU AND ALL PEOPLE OF
CALIFORNIA ARE BEING RIPPED OFF THIS YEAR FOR AT LEAST

~~\$57,750,000.~~ \$77,000,000

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